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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

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- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 11 September 2003.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-23 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) 14-19 and 21-23 is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-7 and 20 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) 8-13 is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on 11 September 2003 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Drawings

The drawings are objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a). The drawings must show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. Claim 7 refers to R1, R2 and R3. R1, R2 and R3 must be shown or the feature(s) canceled from the claim(s). No new matter should be entered.

Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. The figure or figure number of an amended drawing should not be labeled as "amended." If a drawing figure is to be canceled, the appropriate figure must be removed from the replacement sheet, and where necessary, the remaining figures must be renumbered and appropriate changes made to the brief description of the several views of the drawings for consistency. Additional replacement sheets may be necessary to show the renumbering of the remaining figures. Each drawing sheet submitted after the filing date of an application must be labeled in the top margin as either "Replacement Sheet" or "New Sheet" pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(d). If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Specification

The application papers are objected to because the copy provided is not very clear. Legible copy of application should be submitted.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(a) the invention was known or used by others in this country, or patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country, before the invention thereof by the applicant for a patent.

Claims 1- 5, 7 and 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by Niebauer (U.S. Patent No. 5,122,017).

Niebauer teaches a double-sided cutting insert (2) having top and bottom (principal) rake faces and seating surfaces (6 & 8), side surfaces (12), peripheral cutting edge (22), land area (24), plateau (central portion) (62) with protrusions extend towards the corners as well as midway between the corners and a floor/recess (40) located between the land and the plateau (central portion) (see Figure 2 and Col. 2, lines 28-36) [Col. 4, lines 56-57 teach double sided insert]. Niebauer also teaches in Figure 6, side portion land & top surface of plateau (and also protrusion) being planar therefore both serve as contact surface when attached to tool holder. Regarding claim 3, see diagram below, where Niebauer teaches protrusion forming an acute angle with the plane of the distal end of the protrusion. Regarding claims 5, measurement of the lengths L1 & L2 of figure 2 (L1 & L2 defined the same as Specification), length L2 measures 43 mm while

length L1 measures 52 mm giving a ratio of .83 (43mm/52mm). Regarding claims 7, refer to figure 6, curved floor/recess 40. Regarding claim 20, refer to figure 4, where Niebauer teaches protrusion sloping downward followed by upwardly sloping wall (32) towards land area.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claim 6 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Niebauer (U.S. Patent No. 5,122,017), in view of Wiman et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,897,272).

Niebauer teaches a double-sided cutting insert as set forth in the above rejection.

However, Niebauer fails to teach width of the land surface being 0.2 – 0.5 mm.

Wiman et al. teaches a cutting insert having a primary land with width (a') of 0.1 – 0.8 mm (see figure 2 and Col. 2, lines 664-65).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to modify Niebauer's invention, such the insert's land area has a width that is in the range of 0.1 – 0.8 mm as taught by Wiman et al. for the purpose of providing work piece with desired quality.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 14-19 and 21-23 are allowed.

Claims 8-13 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sara Addisu at (571) 272-6082. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30 am - 5 PM.

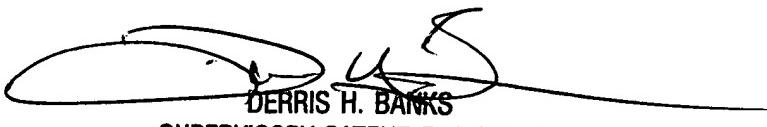
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Derris Banks can be reached on (571) 272-4419. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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